

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

The Nickles Group, LLC

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 601 13th St. NW

Address2 Suite 250 N

City Washington

State DC

Zip Code 20005

Country USA

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City

State

Zip Code

Country

4a. Contact Name

b. Telephone Number

c. E-mail

5. Senate ID#

Stacey Hughes

☐ International Number

(202) 637-0214

mail@nicklesgroup.com

293335-137

7. Client Name

☐ Self

☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

6. House ID#

APRIA HEALTHCARE

373380002

### TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2009

Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐

Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☒

Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐

Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐

Termination Date

11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ \$ 60,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSE** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$

#### 14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically

Date 07/20/2009

Printed Name and Title Stacey Hughes, Partner

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code

MMM

MEDICARE/MEDICAID

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Medicare reimbursement issues pertaining to home oxygen therapy and competitive bidding. H.R. 574 & S. 254, The Medicare Home Infusion Therapy Coverage Act of 2009, establishing reimbursement for home infusion therapy services. Health care reform as it relates to Medicare reimbursement issues.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Stacey	Hughes		U.S. Senate Budget Committee, Dpty. Staff Dir.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

☒ Check if None

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BUD

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H. Con Res 85 & S. Con Res 13, The Budget Resolution and issues specific to Medicare reimbursement of Home oxygen therapy and health reform.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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15. General issue area code

LBR

LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 800, The Employee Free Choice Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

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First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Stacey	Hughes		U.S. Senate Budget Committee, Dpty. Staff Dir.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don	Nickles		U.S. Senator	<input type="checkbox"/>
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